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In re Application of )  
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Application No. : To Be Determined )  
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For : METHOD AND DEVICE FOR )  
CONTROLLING THE TENSION )  
OF A WEB )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the accompanying verified translation of the German language text of PCT/DE03/00163, filed January 22, 2003; published as WO 03/066492 A1 on August 14, 2003, and claimed priority to DE 102 04 434.8 filed February 5, 2002 and to DE 102 23 380.2 filed May 25, 2002, the verified translation forming the entire specification and claims of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, prior to the calculation of the filing fee, and prior to an examination of the application on the merits, as follows: